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Our Mission Statement: Promote trapping through shared knowledge of our membership, and to educate the public on wildlife & conservation.

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Dear Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Club's,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250 to the Pat Arnold Youth Trapping Camps, which is held over Columbus Day weekend. This year marks the the 12<sup>th</sup> year of successful camps, thanks to donations like yours. There were 2 camps this year, Rushford (Western) and Mandaville (Northern). Through the efforts of founder Pat Arnold, along with New York State Trappers Association and the DEC, the camps provide a unique approach to become a responsible young trapper.

At the DEC Camp at Rushford there were 19 campers and 1 Erie County Trapper Jr. Mentor along with 7 mentors. Camp activities included Trapper Certification, Laws & Regulations, Hands-on instruction on Land & Water Trapping, Baits & Lure Usage, Fur Handling, Trap Preparation and most importantly, Safety. Jen Pettit from DEC gave a presentation on Ethics & Wildlife. This year the kids caught beavers, raccoons and muskrats. They all went home with a bucket of supplies along with knowledge and memories to last a lifetime.

Thank you for your support,  
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